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CHINA.

Reports from Hongkong—One death from plague.

HONGKONG, CHINA, November 26, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the report of inspection work at this station for the week ended November 24, 1900: Eight vessels were inspected, 643 baths were given, and 466 pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam.

The Japanese steamship *America Maru* was disinfected to kill rats.

No quarantinable diseases were reported to the sanitary board during the week. The Hongkong Daily Press, however, states that 1 death from plague occurred November 25, the only case reported in the colony since October 27.

The total deaths in the colony during the week were 202, 3 being due to enteric fever, and 1 to tuberculosis.

Respectfully,

JOHN W. KERR,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

HONGKONG, CHINA, December 3, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the report of inspection work for the week ended December 1, 1900. Seven vessels were inspected; 280 people were bathed, their body clothing and 68 pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam.

Respectfully,

JOHN W. KERR,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
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CUBA.

Reports from Cienfuegos, Casilda, and Santa Cruz del Sur.

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA, December 31, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to report that during the week ended December 29, 1900, 21 deaths occurred in this city, the following table showing causes: Infantile tetanus, 3; aortic insufficiency, 3; pernicious fever, 2; tuberculosis, 2; cardiac asthma, 1; nephritis parenchymatous, 1; endocarditis, 1; dysentery, 1; cerebral hemorrhage, 1; mitral insufficiency, 1; enteritis, 1; wounds, 1; arterial sclerosis, 1; congenital debility, 1; pneumonia, 1. Of the preceding deaths, 7 occurred in the civil hospital. Death rate for the week is 27.38.

The case of yellow fever reported December 23, also in my report of last week, was discharged cured from the hospital December 30, 1900. Nineteen vessels have entered this port and been inspected; 14 vessels have been issued bills of health for other ports.

During the week the following certification of passengers and labeling of baggage has been done: Forty-four health certificates issued to outgoing passengers; 42 pieces baggage inspected and passed for outgoing passengers; 25 pieces baggage for Santiago labeled to be disinfected there; 33 pieces baggage of passengers for Cienfuegos inspected and passed; 15 pieces baggage for ports in this district inspected and passed; 14 pieces baggage, destination Manzanillo, disinfected. No alien steerage passengers landed at this port during the week.